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In re application of :
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ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC DEVICE AND :
IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE :
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
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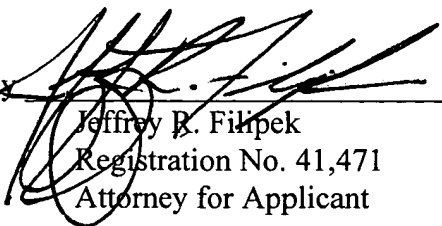
Sir:

Applicant in the above-entitled application hereby claims the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-059708, filed March 5, 2001, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

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